

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Serial No. 10/697,731

Page 2 of 2

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action date October 12, 2005, which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-15 of Group I. Claims 16-18 of Group II and claims 19-21 of Group III are withdrawn without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to file divisional/continuation applications to prosecute the non-elected subject matter.

The Applicants submit that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both consideration of this application and swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct 28, 2005

Keith P. TABOADA
Attorney Reg. No. 45,150
(732) 530-9404

Patterson & Sheridan, LLP
Attorneys at Law
595 Shrewsbury Avenue
Suite 100
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702